

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening arrangement for fastening a partitioning wall between two support walls in a drawer, comprising:

a pair of elongated blades, each blade being punched in out from the plane of a face of the partitioning wall along a vertical separation at a corresponding adjacent end of said face of the partitioning wall, each blade being contiguous with the partitioning wall along a horizontal connection, and projecting sideways from the partitioning wall adjacent ends thereof at a predetermined height of the partitioning wall, each blade extending vertically along a corresponding adjacent end of the partitioning wall and each blade comprising at a predetermined height a face parallel to said face of the partitioning wall and further comprising a lower ramp surface defined between the partitioning wall said horizontal connection and said predetermined height; and

opposite connecting elements respectively projecting from the support walls at heights matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in operative position between the support walls, the connecting elements having retaining channels in which the ends of the partitioning wall are uprightly slideably engageable, the retaining channels having opposite side locking lips forming guiding slots for passage of a section of the partitioning wall extending between the connecting elements, the ramp surfaces of the blades of the partitioning wall being shaped and sized for facilitating insertion of the blades in the

retaining channels and for respectively and progressively press-fitting against inner sides of said channels behind the locking lips when the partitioning wall is in the operative position.

2. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising:

opposite support elements respectively projecting from the support walls at another height with respect to the connecting elements, the support elements respectively having guiding slots in which the ends of the partitioning wall are slideably engageable, the guiding slots of the support elements being aligned with the guiding slots of the retaining channels of the connecting elements.

3. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the connecting and support elements comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the support walls and projecting on a side thereof, the retaining channels and the guiding slots being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of respective ones of the connecting and support elements.

4. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the extrusions have substantially rounded upper and lower surfaces joining the support walls.

5. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the support elements extend below the connecting elements.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the blades extend directly at the ends of the partitioning wall.

8. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, comprising a seating flange projecting from a bottom end of the partitioning wall and extending laterally with respect thereto.

9. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, comprising an additional connecting element projecting from at least one of the support walls at a height matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in the operative position between the support walls, the additional connecting element being like the connecting element already made in said at least one of the support walls but projecting on a side of said at least one of the support walls opposite to a side on which the connecting element already made in said at least one of the support walls projects.

10. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 2, comprising an additional connecting element projecting from at least one of the support walls at a height matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in the operative position between the support walls, and an additional support element projecting from said at least one of the support walls at another height with respect to the additional connecting element, the additional connecting and support elements being respectively like the connecting and support elements already made in said at least one of the support walls but projecting on a side of said at least one of the support walls opposite to a side on which the connecting and support elements already made in said at least one of the support walls project.

11. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the connecting elements of said at least one of the support walls extend successively one above the other, and the support elements of said at least one of the support walls extend successively one above the other.

12. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 11, wherein the connecting and support elements comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the support walls and projecting on respective sides thereof, the retaining channels being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the connecting elements, the guiding slots of the support elements being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the support elements.

13. (Currently Amended) A partitioning system for a drawer with at least a first and a second ~~two~~ opposite support walls, comprising:

at least a first partitioning wall having a pair of elongated blades, each blade being punched in out from the plane of a face of the partitioning wall, along a vertical separation at a corresponding adjacent end of said face of the partitioning wall, each blade being contiguous with the partitioning wall along a horizontal connection, and projecting sideways from the partitioning wall adjacent ends thereof at a predetermined height of the partitioning wall, each blade extending vertically along a corresponding adjacent end of the partitioning wall and each blade comprising at a predetermined height a face parallel to said face of the partitioning wall and further comprising a lower ramp surface defined between the partitioning wall said horizontal connection and said predetermined height; and

connecting elements respectively projecting from the support walls at heights matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in operative position between the support walls, the connecting elements having retaining channels in which the ends of the partitioning wall are uprightly slideably engageable, the retaining channels having opposite side locking lips forming guiding slots for passage of a section of the partitioning wall extending between the connecting elements, the ramp surfaces of the blades of the partitioning wall being shaped and sized for facilitating insertion of the blades in the retaining channels and for respectively and progressively press-fitting against inner sides of said channels behind the locking lips when the partitioning wall is in the operative position.

14. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, comprising:

opposite support elements respectively projecting from the support walls at another height with respect to the connecting elements, the support elements respectively having guiding slots in which the ends of the partitioning wall are slideably engageable, the guiding slots of the support elements being aligned with the guiding slots of the retaining channels of the connecting elements.

15. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 14, wherein the connecting and support elements comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the support walls and projecting on an inner side thereof, the retaining channels and the guiding slots being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of respective ones of the connecting and support elements.

16. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 14, wherein the support elements extend below the connecting elements.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, wherein the blades extend directly at the ends of the partitioning wall.

19. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, comprising a seating flange laterally projecting from a bottom end of the partitioning wall.

20. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 14, further comprising at least a third support wall and at least a second partitioning wall, wherein said first partitioning wall comprises connecting and support elements like the connecting and support elements of the support walls, and said first partitioning wall forms the third support wall further defined as forming a partitioning support wall for another the second partitioning wall[[.]], wherein the length of said second partitioning wall is predetermined such that at least one of the support walls with which said second partitioning wall engages is the partitioning support wall.

21. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 20, wherein the partitioning wall comprises

an additional connecting element projecting from the partitioning support wall at a height matching with the height of the blades of said second partitioning wall when the second partitioning wall is in operative position, and

an additional support element projecting from the partitioning support wall at another height with respect to the additional connecting element, the additional connecting and support elements being respectively like the connecting and support elements already made in the partitioning support wall but projecting ~~on~~ from a face of the partitioning wall opposite to a side ~~on~~ from which the connecting and support elements already made in the partitioning support wall project.

22. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 21, wherein the connecting elements of the ~~partitioning~~ support wall extend successively one above the other, and the support elements of the ~~partitioning~~ support wall extend successively one above the other.

23. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 22, wherein the connecting and support elements of the ~~partitioning~~ support wall comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the ~~partitioning~~ support wall and projecting on respective sides thereof, the retaining channels being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the connecting elements, the guiding slots of the support elements being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the support elements.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, wherein the partitioning wall has a label holding flange slantingly projecting from a top end of the partitioning wall.